

## Small Expansion in U.S. Hog Inventory

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2006, was 60.9 million head. This is a minor increase from June 2005 and up 1 percent from March 2006. The U.S. breeding herd totaled 6.06 million, up 1 percent from the previous year. Market hog inventory was also up slightly at 54.9 million head.

The March-May pig crop for the U.S. was at 26.3 million, 1 percent higher than a year ago. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million, an increase of 1 percent from a year earlier. Pigs per litter averaged 9.08, compared to 9.02 the previous year and 9.03 the previous quarter.

Wisconsin's hog inventory was at 420,000 head on June 1. This is unchanged from March, but down 10,000 from the previous June. Breeding hog inventory showed an increase of 10 percent or 5,000 head. The current breeding herd in the state is estimated at 55,000 head. Market hog numbers dropped 15,000 head from last year. Current inventory is at 365,000 head.

During March-May, Wisconsin's pig crop was 235,000 head, a 7 percent increase from the same time a year ago. Sows farrowing during the quarter totaled 27,000. These farrowings increased 1,000 compared to last quarter, and 2,000 head from a year earlier. Pigs per litter averaged 8.70, compared to 8.75 last year and 8.55 last quarter.

## Hogs and Pigs on Farms, June 1

Selected states	Breeding 2006	Change 2006/05	Market 2006	Change 2006/05	Total hogs 2006	Change 2006/05
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>-2</b>
Illinois	430	n.c.	3,720	+1	4,150	+1
Indiana	320	+7	2,880	+3	3,200	+3
Iowa	1,080	+1	15,220	+1	16,300	+1
Michigan	100	n.c.	860	+6	960	+5
Minnesota	590	-2	6,110	+2	6,700	+2
N. Carolina	1,020	n.c.	8,580	-3	9,600	-3
U.S.	6,060	+1	54,867	n.c.	60,927	n.c.

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

## Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, March-May

Selected states	Sows farrowing 2006	Change 2006/05	Litter rate 2006	Pig crop 2006	Change 2006/05
	1,000 head	Percent	Number	1,000 head	Percent
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>8.70</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>+7</b>
Illinois	205	-2	9.05	1,855	-1
Indiana	135	n.c.	8.90	1,202	+1
Iowa	455	+3	8.95	4,072	+2
Michigan	46	+2	9.20	423	+4
Minnesota	280	-3	9.30	2,604	-2
N. Carolina	550	n.c.	9.10	5,005	+2
U.S.	2,897	+1	9.08	26,301	+1

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

## Farrowing Intentions

Selected states	June-August 2006	Change 2006/05	Sept.-Nov. 2006	Change 2006/05
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-4</b>
Illinois	215	+5	215	+8
Indiana	145	+4	150	+11
Iowa	450	-2	450	-1
Michigan	48	n.c.	49	+4
Minnesota	280	n.c.	280	n.c.
N. Carolina	550	-2	550	n.c.
U.S.	2,992	n.c.	2,924	+1

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.